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Food and Drug Administration  
Department of Health & Human Services  
12420 Parklawn Drive, Room 1-23  
Rockville, MD 20857

Re: DOCKET No. 98P-0203/CP1

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please grant United Poultry Concerns' petition to ban forced molting of hens.

This irresponsible practice of increasing egg production is placing the health of our nation's consumers, including children who are most at risk, in danger. Forced molting produces enormous stress on the birds, weakening their immune systems, and thereby generating outbreaks of Salmonella Enteritidis and Campylobacter.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this most important health issue. I trust that you will make a responsible decision in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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